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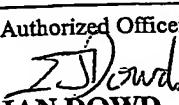
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Box No. I Basis of the report

With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:

- international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1 (b))
- publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
- international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)

With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

the international application as originally filed/furnished

the description:

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the claims:

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the drawings:

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a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) - see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.

3. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- the description, pages
- the claims, Nos.
- the drawings, sheets/figs
- the sequence listing (*specify*):
- any table(s) related to the sequence listing (*specify*):

4. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

- the description, pages
- the claims, Nos.
- the drawings, sheets/figs
- the sequence listing (*specify*):
- any table(s) related to the sequence listing (*specify*):

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Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

1. The questions whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step (to be non obvious), or to be industrially applicable have not been examined in respect of:

the entire international application
 claims Nos: 10-12, 23, 26-31, 35-40, 85-92, 95-101

because:

the said international application, or the said claims Nos. relate to the following subject matter which does not require an international preliminary examination (specify):

the description, claims or drawings (*indicate particular elements below*) or said claims Nos. are so unclear that no meaningful opinion could be formed (specify):

the claims, or said claims Nos. are so inadequately supported by the description that no meaningful opinion could be formed.
 no international search report has been established for said claim Nos. 10-12, 23, 26-31, 35-40, 85-92, 95-101

the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing does not comply with the standard provided for in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions in that:

the written form has not been furnished does not comply with the standardthe computer readable form has not been furnished does not comply with the standard

the tables related to the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing, if in computer readable form only, do not comply with the technical requirements provided for in Annex C-bis of the Administrative Instructions.

See Supplemental Box for further details.

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Box No. V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims 1-9, 13-22, 24-25, 32-34, 41-84, 93-94, 102-103	YES
	Claims	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims 1-9, 13-22, 24-25, 32-34, 41-84, 93-94, 102-103	YES
	Claims	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1-9, 13-22, 24-25, 32-34, 41-84, 93-94, 102-103	YES
	Claims	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

This report is based on the documents cited in the International Search Report:

D1 WO 2003 040355

D2 *Differentiation*. 1988 Dec;39(2):139-49

Novelty and Inventive Step

D1 discloses GCTM-1, -2, -3 and -4 antigen expression from human testicular teratomas. D2 relates to a sub-population of human embryonic stem cells (HES) that have markers for GCTM-2 antigen. Neither D1 or D2 disclose GCTM-5 antibody that binds to a cell marker. The application is therefore considered to be novel. The person skilled in the art would not be lead to GCTM-5 cell marker given the presence of a related, but different, GCTM-2 marker. Therefore, the application is considered to involve an inventive step.

Industrial Applicability

All claims satisfy the requirements of industrial applicability.

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Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

Claims 10-12, 23, 26-31, 35-40, 85-92, 95-101 are indefinite in scope and go beyond the invention as described. The inventive concept resides in the cell marker binding to a GCTM-5 antibody or active fragment thereof. The above claims are not so limited to this particular antibody. For instance, claim 10 defines a detector which identifies on the cell type a cell marker, but this marker may or may not be the same as the GCTM-5 antibody. Similar reasons apply for the remaining claims.